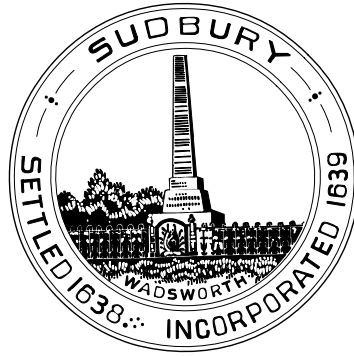


**Town of Sudbury
Massachusetts**



OFFICIAL WARRANT

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2016
7:30 P.M.**

Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School Auditorium

If you are not a registered voter in the Town of Sudbury, the Town Clerk will have extended voter registration hours from 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Friday, January 29, 2016 (deadline for registering to vote at the Special Town Meeting).



**TOWN OF SUDBURY
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Middlesex, ss.

To the Constable of the Town of Sudbury:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Sudbury qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School Auditorium in said Town on Tuesday, February 9, 2016, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

**ARTICLE 1. AMENDMENTS TO THE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
AGREEMENT OF THE MINUTEMAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

To see if the Town will vote, consistent with Section VII of the existing "Agreement With Respect to the Establishment of a Technical and Vocational Regional School District" for the Minuteman Regional Vocational School District, to accept the amendments to said Agreement which have been initiated and approved by a vote of the Regional School Committee on December 21, 2015, and which have been submitted as a restated "Regional Agreement" bearing the date of December 21, 2015 to the Board of Selectmen of each member town, or act on anything relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

(Majority vote required)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORT: The Town of Sudbury is one of sixteen municipalities comprising the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District (the Minuteman District). The Minuteman District provides a vocational educational option for Sudbury high school students. The District assesses the Town of Sudbury annually an amount determined by the number of students enrolled. The District is governed by an agreement last updated in 1970. Selectmen of member towns have proposed modifying this governing document. The amended agreement requires towns seeking to withdraw from the Minuteman District receive approval for withdrawal at a Special Town Meeting on or before March 1, 2016. Both the existing agreement and the proposed amended agreement, dated 12/21/2015, are available on the Town website at: <https://sudbury.ma.us/veoc/documents/>.

The proposed amended agreement includes the following changes from the 1970 agreement:

- Implement weighted voting for most school committee actions, specifically the annual budget, based 50% on equal sharing among members and 50% on enrollment
- Calculate enrollment based upon a four-year rolling average rather than a single year, with a minimum of one student per town
- Provide a one-time guaranteed process for a member town to withdraw from the district subject to approval by the Commissioner of Education
- Revise the formula for paying capital costs, with 50% based upon enrollment, 1% per member community regardless of size, and the remainder based upon a formula taking into account certain of the factors used by Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in calculating State aid to education.
- Admit out-of-district students based on tuition and charges equal or greater than the average per pupil cost for in-district communities unless approved by two-thirds weighted vote of the School Committee.

The Minuteman District proposes to construct a new school building to replace the one built in the 1970s, which is oversized, outdated and requires major repairs. The Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) has approved a 40% reimbursement for the construction costs of this school, but only if the school is approved by the towns in the Minuteman District by June 30, 2016. Bonding the new school and calculating the payments of member towns requires knowing which communities will be members of the Minuteman District. To know this prior to the spring Annual Town Meetings of the member towns, the amended agreement requires that towns seeking to withdraw approve their withdrawal, and the amended agreement, on or before March 1, 2016. (Section IX (E) of the proposed agreement.)

ARTICLE 2. WITHDRAWAL OF THE TOWN OF SUDBURY FROM THE MINUTEMAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

To see if the Town will vote to withdraw from the Minuteman Regional Vocational School District effective July 1, 2017, contingent upon the acceptance, on or before March 1, 2016, by all of the current members of the Minuteman District, and the approval, on or before December 31, 2016, by the Commissioner of Education, of the Amended Regional Agreement dated December 21, 2015 which has been submitted to the member towns by the Minuteman Regional Vocational School Committee, or act on anything relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

(Majority vote required)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORT: See Board of Selectmen report under Article 1.

ARTICLE 3. WITHDRAWAL OF THE TOWN OF WAYLAND FROM THE MINUTEMAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT UNDER THE REGIONAL AGREEMENT LAST AMENDED OCTOBER 7, 1980

To see if the Town will accept and approve the “Amendment to Minuteman Regional Agreement regarding the Withdrawal of the Town of Wayland from the Minuteman Regional School District” which was approved by the Minuteman Regional Vocational School Committee on July 7, 2015 and which has been submitted to the Board of Selectmen consistent with the current Minuteman Regional Agreement, or act on anything relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

(Majority vote required)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORT: The Town of Wayland is a member town of the Minuteman Regional School District under the current (1970) Minuteman Regional Agreement. Wayland Town Meeting voted on April 15, 2015 to seek to withdraw from the Minuteman Regional School District. The Minuteman Regional School Committee submitted the amendment to the Regional Agreement necessary for Wayland’s withdrawal to Sudbury and other Minuteman member towns on July 16, 2015 to be considered at our next town meeting.

Lexington Town Meeting on November 2, 2015, voted NOT to allow Wayland to withdraw from the District. Without the support of all sixteen member towns, no town can withdraw from the Minuteman Regional School District. However, Sudbury Town Meeting is bound by the existing agreement to consider this article.

ARTICLE 4. DISPOSITION OF FORMER POLICE STATION
415 BOSTON POST ROAD

To see if the Town will vote to transfer to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of conveying, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey the parcel of Town land and building thereon at 415 Boston Post Road, formerly used as a police station, on the terms and conditions established by the Board of Selectmen, said real estate disposition to be made in compliance with General Laws Chapter 30B to the extent applicable, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen and other Town officials to take all actions to carry out this Article, or act on anything relative thereto.

Submitted by the Facilities Director. (Two-thirds vote required)

FACILITIES DIRECTOR REPORT: This article requests that residents vote to sell the building and or land formerly known as the Sudbury Police Station located at 415 Boston Post Road. The Police Department took occupancy of the new police station at 75 Hudson Road on December 8th and the old station is now vacant. This article will allow the town to capture the value of the land by the sale of the property, as well as the property taxes. Massachusetts General Law requires all disposition of property to go through a public solicitation of proposals. This disposition process is time consuming, but it is necessary to ensure that the Town’s interests are protected. This Article will provide the authority to the selectmen to dispose of this property, and will limit unnecessary expenses to maintain the vacant building.

And you are required to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy thereof at the Town Hall at least fourteen days before the time appointed for such meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return by your doing thereon to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 5th day of January, 2016.

SELECTMEN OF SUDBURY:

Patricia A. Brown

Susan Iuliano

Robert C. Haarde

Leonard A. Simon

Charles C. Woodard



**Board of Selectmen
Sudbury, MA 01776**

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